PROJECTED WORKS.—Advertisements have been issued for tenders,—by a date not specified, for the erection of a new pauper lunatic asylum (in the neighbourhood of Devizes), for the county of Wilts; also for a large quantity of cast-iron columns, sashes, and joists, to be used in the above erection; by 18th inst., for the erection of a new chapel for the Bridge Union; by 18th inst., for sundry works required in reinstating the dwelling-house and warehouses recently destroyed by fire in Addle-street, Aldermanbury; by 17th inst., for alterations and additions to Hampstead Workhouse; by 20th, for the erection of a Sunday school to be attached to Beresford Episcopal Chapel, Walworth; by a date not specified, for the erection of the chapel, catacombs, cloisters, lodge, &c., at the Leicester Cemetery; by 10th, for the rebuilding and restoration of Kingstone Church tower, Herefordshire; by 14th, for the construction of the criminal court and other works at Cardiff; by 11th, for the erection of St. Augustine's new national schools, Bristol; by 13th, for the building, &c. of a lock-up at Alston; by 9th, for forming, culverting, &c. four new streets at Birmingham; and by 17th, for the supply of wrought-iron wheels, springs, bar-iron, oak and teak for waggons for Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway.

AN IRISH SPECULATION UNDER ENGLISH AUSPICES.—It is proposed, says the *Irish Railway Gazette*, to extract the potash from the granite stone extending over a district of 70 miles between Dalkey and Wexford, whereby, with an outlay of 10,000*l.* capital, it is expected that a gross revenue of 40,000*l.*, to be chiefly expended in labour throughout the Kingstown district, may be realised by the sale of 2,000 tons of potash at 20*l.* per ton in place of 40*l.*, the price of that imported from America; and that moreover a further sale of the article may also be pushed in America itself. Of course, as in preparing bread out of sawdust, or soup out of whinstones, it is by means of proper chemical and other materials and operations that this, it may be much more hopeful, project is to be carried out. The potash which it is designed to extract is that which pervades the external surface of the stone. Valuable chemical substances, we all know, have been extracted from shale and other mineral strata. All, of course, must depend on the relative value of the result when compared with that of the materials and labour employed.

IMPORTANT TO RAILWAY CONTRACTORS.—On Tuesday last, at the Court House (before J. Stanhope, J. Thornely, and T. Taylor, Esqrs.), the surveyors for the township of Denby obtained a summons against the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company to recover compensation under the Railway Clauses Consolidation Act, for the injury done to the roads in the township of Denby, in the making of the branch line of railway from Huddersfield to Penistone, comprising a distance, to which injury had been done, of upwards of ten miles of road. Mr. Barret, of Wakefield, solicitor, appeared in behalf of the surveyors, and Mr. Tyas, of Barnsley, and Mr. Dransfield, of Penistone, solicitors, appeared in the interest of the railway company. After a very lengthened inquiry, the magistrates made an order on the company to make the necessary repairs to the roads within the space of one month, and in default thereof the magistrates imposed the penalty of 5*l.* per day, pursuant to the above-mentioned act.

THE FIRE ANNIHILATOR.—Mr. Phillips' fire annihilator has been dug up again to afford a subject for one of the Friday evening meetings, at the Royal Institution. As we have before said, we cannot understand the policy of the inventor of this machine, who contents himself with having it talked about periodically, and gives no opportunity for its practical application.

STILL BLIND.—Tenders for the taking up the old locks at Maidstone, and putting down new; Mr. Whichcord, of Maidstone, architect.

		Extra work.		
Tassell, Maidstone	£3,270 0 0			
Belston, London	2,800 0 0	£62	4	0
Diggle, Maidstone	2,450 0 0			
Wood, Gravesend	2,120 0 0	170	0	0
Jarvis, London	1,746 10 0	41	10	0
Sutton, Maidstone (accepted)	1,376 10 0	22	0	0

INSTITUTION FOR THE DEPOSIT OF WORKS CONNECTED WITH ARCHITECTURE.—I am highly gratified by your correspondent's remarks on the want of an Institution of Practical Science connected with building. Some time since I attempted to effect the same object at the Mechanics' Institution of Hastings, by medals and rewards, and I shall have great pleasure in assisting to support an institution for the purpose in London, by an annual subscription of 5*l.* I give you my name.—A CONSTANT READER.

BELLS ABROAD.—Mr. Reeves, of New York, has made a valuable improvement in fire bells. The great difficulty to be obviated was in repeating the blows of the hammer in the one place, by which the bell was generally cracked. This he has done by fixing the bell on a ratchet wheel, which causes it to revolve at each stoke of the hammer. The hammer is swung by a lever, and strikes in the same place only once in every 240 strokes.——The Roman Constituent Assembly has decreed that all church bells which are not strictly necessary shall be melted down for cannon! Those of the cathedrals, parish churches, and such as are valuable in point of art, are excepted,—at present.

THE TRON STEEPLE AT GLASGOW being out of repair, a small part of the ashler work gave way, when some of the town council coolly proposed to save all future trouble and expense by razing this characteristic old feature of the Trongate to the ground. Bailie Orr indignantly expressed his astonishment at such a proposal, and the Lord Provost warmly concurred in the bailie's protest. The proposal itself accordingly fell to the ground, and the steeple was forthwith ordered to be repaired by the Finance Committee.

THE IRON TRADE.—It has been determined by the ironmasters at a recent preliminary quarterly meeting, that the puddlers and other workmen shall for the future participate in the nominal advances of price that may be declared at each meeting; and accordingly, as an earnest of the carrying out of a principle which cannot but tend to induce something like respect for the quarterly price decisions if faithfully carried out, an advance in puddlers wages of 6d. per ton on the head of the advance of price, 20s. per ton, declared in February, is now decided on. Of course if the workmen are to benefit by every rise in price, they must expect an equivalent reduction of wages whenever a fall may hereafter happen in place of a rise.

BURIALS IN TOWNS. — On Wednesday evening a meeting was held at the old Crown and Anchor, in the Strand, to petition Parliament for the immediate closing of burial places in cities and towns. Lord Dudley Coutts Stuart, M.P., took the chair; Mr. Mackinnon, M.P., Mr. G. A. Walker, Mr. Ivat Briscoe, and others spoke, and there were from 800 to 1,000 persons present. It was the most important meeting on the subject which has yet taken place, and shewed clearly the hold the question is beginning to take on the public mind. Mr. Walker spoke with the earnestness of one who feels his subject deeply.

PIRACY OF REGISTERED DESIGNS.—We learn from the *Sheffield and Rotherham Independent* that a manufacturing firm at Sheffield has been awarded by the magistrates 15*l.* and costs, payable by another manufacturer, for the infringement of a registered design for a candlestick, which was alleged to have been taken originally from some of the French patterns published from time to time in the *Art Journal*. The imitation, also a registered design, was varied in the style of ornament.

MANCHESTER PARKS' TESTIMONIAL.—Mr. Malcolm Ross and Mr. Edward W. Watkin, by whom the project was carried out, as Hon. Secretaries to the Parks' Committee, were lately presented, the former with a silver-plated épergne, and the latter a silver tea-service, in the presence of the Bishop and Mayor of the city, and a numerous assemblage, at a *dejeuner à la fourchette* given by the Mayor in his parlour in honour of the occasion.

FOREIGN WINDOW GLASS.—We understand that the importations at the present time of window glass, especially from Belgium, are very large. One vessel, the *Princess Victoria*, has just arrived in the river, from Antwerp, with 990 cases of the article on board, consigned to a firm in the metropolis.

CHURCH LEASEHOLD PROPERTY.—It is but little known that a commission is now sitting to collect information and hear the representation of parties, on the proposal for the settlement of the question between the church and the lessees holding property under the different deans and chapters. A meeting has been held in London on the subject, at which the Duke of Richmond presided, when a committee of members of both Houses of Parliament was appointed for the purpose of communicating with the lessees of church property, in order to obtain and select evidence to be submitted to the Royal Commission now sitting.

NOTICE.

"BUILDINGS AND MONUMENTS, MODERN AND MEDIÆVAL," being Illustrations of recently erected Edifices, and of some of the Architectural Works of the Middle Ages; with Descriptive Particulars. Edited by George Godwin, F.R.S., Fellow of the Royal Institute of Architects, &c., &c., &c.

Under the above title it is proposed to publish, in bi-monthly parts, price 2s. 6d. each, the principal Illustrations of Modern and Mediæval Buildings which have appeared from time to time in THE BUILDER, with their accompanying descriptive particulars. Each part will contain about eight plates, folio size, and eight pages of letter press, with plans and details. The engravings will be printed separately, with care, on a tinted paper.

The first part will be issued in time to be forwarded with the magazines for May 1, and will contain:—

Her Majesty's Marine Residence, Osborne; with Plan.

The Carlton Club House, Pall Mall.

Church of St. Isaac, at St. Petersburgh; with Details.

Kensington Union Workhouse.

The Liverpool Branch Bank of England; and Details.

The New Throne, Canterbury Cathedral.

The North Porch, Restored, of St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.

The Interior of Lincoln's-Inn Hall.

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TENDERS

For the erection of nine small houses at Walham-green; Mr. C. Lahee, architect, opened in the presence of the parties tendering:—

Symons, Chelsea	£3,437 0 0
Burgess, Wardour-street	3,380 0 0
Todd, Chelsea	3,349 10 0
Watts, Motcomb-street	3,339 0 0
Underhill, Chelsea	2,593 0 0

For rebuilding the parish church of St. Edward, Romford; Mr. J. Johnson, architect:—

Trego	£8,490
Myers	6,910
Piper	6,647
Curtis, Romford	6,655
Kelk	6,190

Quantities not furnished.

For erecting four villas at Battersea, for Mr. C. J. Spicer:—

Locke and Nesham	£3,536
Hammond and Hill	3,457
Mansfield and Son	3,410
Nicholson and Son	3,400
Trego	3,396
Harmer	3,379
Gammon	3,223
Cooper	3,129

Tenders opened at Wimborn, on the 10th ult., for building the new Grammar Schools and masters' houses. First division comprises bricklayer, excavator, plasterer, tiler, and slater; second division, mason and paviour; third division, carpenter, joiner, smith, ironmonger, bellhanger; fourth division, plumber, painter, glazier, and paperhanger:—

	First Division	Second Division	Third Division	Fourth Division
	£	£	£	£
C. Smith, London	3,784	2,643	2,800	945
J. Jackson, do.	3,070	2,854	3,004	778
Simmonds, Wimborn	2,944	2,620	2,735	826
Plowman and Lock	2,792	2,607	3,125	704
G. Brown	2,756	2,583	2,858	755
Walker and Soper, London	2,695	2,800	2,394	697
J. Scorer	2,691	..	..	..
G. Scorer	2,654	..	..	..
Gowe and Son	2,528	2,193	2,672	834
Pollock and M'Lennan, London	2,473	2,134	2,863	705
Green	2,464	2,010	2,978	981
J. T. Taylor, London	2,300*	1,950*	2,400	680*
Beavans	..	2,175	..	..
Nott	..	1,995	..	..
S. Colman	..	..	2,416	..
J. Bugden	..	..	2,323*	..
Ellgood	..	..	..	842
J. Sloper, London	..	..	..	897
J. Ricks	..	..	..	696
Elligar	..	..	..	945
S. Wallan	..	..	..	687
M. Hall, London	..	..	..	651
H. Hall	..	..	..	636

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